

b) Amendments to the Specification

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 15 and ending at page 17, line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

--Particularly, by providing an aromatic group as a substituent (i.e., aromatic substituent) of the metal coordination compound of the formula (1), the resultant substituent has  $\pi$ -electron system extended to the outside of the metal coordination compound molecules, thus facilitating energy transfer from a host material and assisting electron/hole transport functions to result in an improved carrier transport performance. Further, in the present invention, the metal coordination compound of the formula (1) may preferably have the cyclic group CyN1 and/or CyN2 having pyridine structure, a pyridine derivative whereon one of CH groups is substituted with N atom, and ~~five~~ five-membered ring structures containing nitrogen atom and/or sulfur atom. By these partial structures, the resultant metal coordination compound of the formula (1) can be synthesized with a high yield and an excellent stability necessary for the luminescence material.--